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1. AMB ELIAV TELEPHONED POLCOUNS SEPTEMBER 2 TO SAY ISRAELIS WOULD LIKE OUR THOUGHTS (AND WOULD ALSO CONSULT IN WASHINGTON) RE POSSIBILITY OF PRESENTING THEIR CREDENTIALS TO 30TH GA EARLY RATHER THAN LATE. ELIAV SAID DR. KISSINGER'S LATEST ACHIEVEMENT HAD PRODUCED ERA OF GOOD FEELING IN NEW YORK THAT MIGHT DISSIPATE BY "OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER." BY THAT TIME THE ARABS MIGHT AGAIN BE FEELING BELLIGERENT IN SUPPORT OF SYRIA'S DESIRE FOR SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL, HE SPECULATED. NOTING POSSIBILITY CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MAY BE LESS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD ISRAEL THAN LAST YEAR, ELIAV SEEMED PERSONALLY INCLINED "TO STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT."

2. ELIAV SAID ONE NEGATIVE FACTOR IS UNPREDICTABILITY OF SOUTH AFRICANS, WHO MAY OR MAY NOT ATTEMPT TO PRECIPITATE DECISION ON THEIR OWN CASE EARLY IN 30TH GA. HE DID NOT THINK CHILEAN CASE WAS LIKELY TO ARISE, AS LA'S WERE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO PLAYING CREDENTIALS GAMES WITH ONE OF THEIR OWN NUMBER.

3. COMMENT: WERE A MOVE TO SUSPEND ISRAEL LIKELY, WE WOULD WANT TO HAVE THIS ISSUE COME BEFORE THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND THE PLENARY BEFORE THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION; WE
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WOULD WANT TO DISTANCE SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION ISSUES

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AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM THOSE CONCERNING ISRAEL BECAUSE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE UNHAPPY 29TH GA PRECEDENT CONCERNING THE FORMER. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S ACHIEVEMENT AND THE KAMPALA/LIMA DECISIONS TO REFRAIN FROM PRESSING FOR ISRAEL'S OUSTER, THE TIMING OF ISRAEL'S SUBMISSION OF CREDENTIALS FOR ITS 30TH GA DELEGATION IS PROBABLY NOT VERY SIGNIFICANT. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WOULD OPT EITHER FOR LEAVING THE MATTER TO THE GOI FOR DECISION OR, ALTERNATIVELY, SUGGEST THAT THEY HOLD UP UNTIL AT LEAST A WEEK OR SO INTO THE 30TH SESSION (LATE SEPTEMBER) WHEN THE INTENTIONS AND TACTICS OF SOUTH AFRICA CONCERNING PARTICIPATION WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE BECOME CLEAR.
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